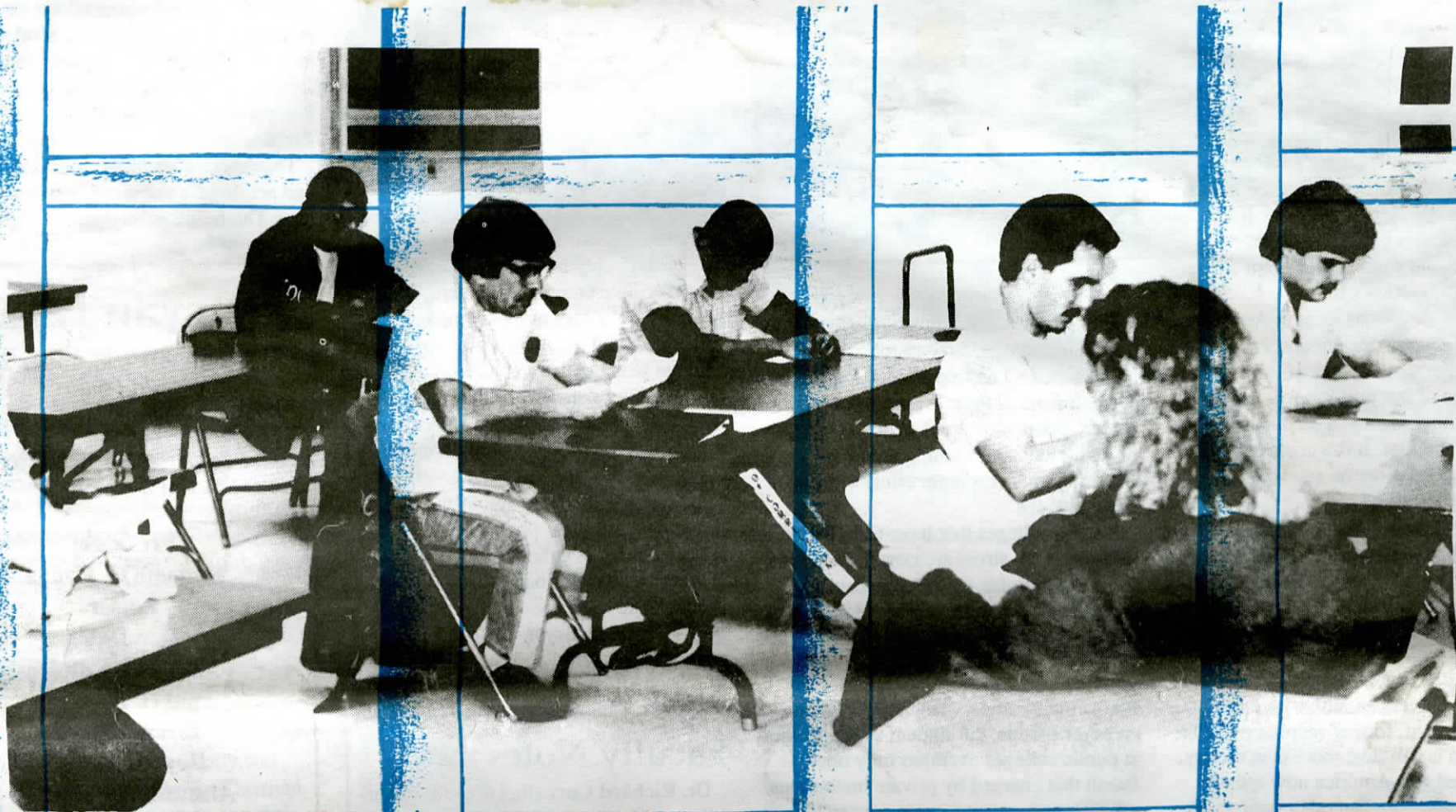


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Ladonna Olson and her students at the Southeast Tennessee State Regional Correctional Facility in Pikeville read a short story during a freshman English class.

Bryan behind bars

Prison classes offer more than just 3 R's

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Boston Harbor revisited

U.S. revolt brewing over taxes for education

The American Revolution was touched off by a tax on tea. But the Boston Tea Party was no party! It was the start of a war.

Judging from the reports, another revolution is about to be launched. This time the tax is not on tea. In Tennessee, it may be on everyone's income. Other states are exploring increases in property and sales taxes. Even the lottery is being embraced as a new source of revenue.

Taxpayers are beginning to feel like their pockets are being picked. However, it is not for the support of a far-off English king. It is for the education of our own children. Some would say it is for the very survival of America's future.

A crisis clearly does exist in American education. On the one hand, it is a crisis of quality - or rather the lack of it. In a land where most of our problems are solved by spending more money, a second crisis has overtaken the first. It is a crisis of cost. Must we spend more on education and, if so, can we afford it?

I do not profess to have answers for America's education woes or even for those of Tennessee. Bryan College offers more than enough challenge to satisfy me. However, if I don't have all the answers, I do still feel entitled to ask some questions.

Is money the answer to the crisis in education? No less an authority than William Bennett, former secretary of education, said it will take more than money. He indicated that America now spends more on education than other nations do. According to Bennett, "The problem in American education is not money. The problem is trying to do too many things."

Charles Smith, commissioner of education for the State of Tennessee, is calling for both education reform and more money. "Tennessee has too few dollars chasing too many problems."

Are public colleges and universities underfunded? According to today's newspaper, they are. "Enrollment at Tennessee colleges and universities is nearing an all-

From
the
President



Dr. Kenneth Hanna

time high despite funding at the lowest level since the 1975 recession....The legislature's current appropriations for higher education are at their lowest level in 17 years." Tennessee is not alone. More than 30 states have cut funding to higher education in a desperate effort to balance their budgets.

Private colleges that have been living with financial stress are now moving over to make room for their public counterparts. Their problems are not identical. In Tennessee, the average tax subsidy exceeds \$5,000 per student per year. That is for operating alone. Capital costs are almost totally underwritten. What the taxpayer spends, the student saves. Tuition at public colleges averages only one-fourth that charged by private institutions.

Public colleges may soon narrow the tuition gap. Large tuition increases are no longer exclusive to the private sector. Some state university systems are increasing fees by more than 40 percent. Still, the students selecting a private college must pay a price. Hence, my third question.

What would happen if "choice" were introduced? The explanation for "choice" varies, but usually involves allowing a student to attend the school of his or her choice and then directing tax dollars toward the funding of that choice, whether

public or private. The argument is that quality goes up and cost goes down when students and their parents are given more choice.

Many states, including those bordering on Tennessee, already have a tuition equalization program for higher education. Some are considering extending choice even to elementary education. More voices are being raised in favor of students being allowed to choose their education based on quality and preference - not cost and ability to pay.

A solution to America's education and economic dilemma is not yet in sight, and there is probably no single solution since it is not a single or simple problem. We ought to feel a measure of sympathy for local, state and national representatives who are being called upon to solve the problem. The demands of the future and the wishes of the people are difficult to even identify. They may be impossible to unite.

As awesome as the challenges are, they provide an excellent opportunity for a private Christian college like Bryan. Having lived with financial restraint for decades, the crisis seems like old news. Still vulnerable, Bryan College has enjoyed the faithful and sacrificial support of its constituency even in the current recession. Though struggling to meet the

Faculty Notes

Dr. Richard Cornelius made a presentation on the Scopes Trial to the Zoology Department of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Oct. 18. UTK professor Dr. Gary F. McCracken wrote, "It was unquestionably the best attended departmental seminar that we have had this semester and it was greatly appreciated by all who attended."

Dr. Kurt Wise attended the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America Oct. 21-24 in San Diego, Calif.

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cost, more and more young people and parents are looking for "value added" education - education that produces character while also preparing for a career.

The decade of the Nineties will bring many changes in college education. Some of them will be unwelcome. Most will be irresistible. I am hopeful, even eager, as I face the future. God often is allowed to do His greatest work in times of change and stress.

Thanks for your faithfulness in giving and praying for the work of Bryan College. The future is brighter for Bryan because of it.

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Bryan's teacher training program earns state honors

Bryan College's teacher training program has been ranked among the leaders in the state by the Tennessee Department of Education according to Dr. Kenneth Froemke, head of the college's Department of Education.

Bryan seniors ranked tenth among the 39 schools offering teacher training programs in Tennessee in the percentage of students who pass their National Teacher Exam. The rankings, listed in a report entitled "National Teacher Exam Performance Summary by Institution," were compiled in a study by the state department of education between 1986 and 1990.

Dr. Froemke also said that the state department of education has selected

Bryan's teacher education program as one of four in the state to be used as models in training sessions for the State Board of Examiners.

"This means that Bryan's program for teacher training is surpassing most Tennessee colleges in terms of excellence and has become highly competitive within the state," Dr. Froemke explained.

Students entering Bryan's teacher education program must score at least 22 on their ACT test as well as earn a college average of at least a B-minus before they are permitted to participate in student teaching. This spring, 16 students will work in Rhea County and Dayton City schools to complete requirements for

licensure in Tennessee.

Bryan President Dr. Kenneth Hanna said, "Education is at the top of everyone's agenda, and Bryan College is no exception. Our teacher training program is something we have been emphasizing strongly for the past several years, and it is gratifying to see that our work is being recognized by the State of Tennessee."

"About 30 percent of our alumni are in the education profession and we hope to see that number continue to grow. Education is a profession which allows one person to touch the lives of many, many people, and we are committed to providing the finest possible training for tomorrow's educators."

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Admissions staff pleased with response to Caravan

Nearly 200 prospective students and their parents visited Bryan College during November for the fall Caravan, admissions director Tom Shaw reported.

One hundred twenty six students and 65 parents from as far away as Maine and California came for the three-day look at Bryan, which included visits with students and faculty members, information on financial aid, tours of the campus and the opportunity to sit in on classes.

In all, some 16 states were represented, with the biggest majority of students coming from the Southeast.

"This was an outstanding group," Mr. Shaw said. "They were here for a good time, of course, but they also were serious about learning about Bryan. For example, we had 85 or 90 in the session on financial aid where in years past we have had 15 or 20. And there were a lot of students at the faculty fair where they got to meet and talk with faculty and staff members.

Students and their parents or sponsors were asked to evaluate the weekend, and most evaluations were positive, he said.

Mr. Shaw said he was particularly pleased with the evaluation of the chapel service. "I'm happy it ranked so high



Admissions staff member Mildred Arnold registers some of the 126 prospective students who visited Bryan College during the fall Caravan. Caravaners roomed with students, attended classes and received information on financial aid and various facets of college life.

because we used in-house people for the program - the Chamber Singers and Dean Ropp spoke. It's great that we have people

on board who can do such a fine job for a program like this."

Caravan is a semiannual event at Bryan

when prospective students visit the campus. The next Caravan is scheduled for April 2-4, 1992.

First Science Bowl a winner for college, Lakeside Christian

Bryan College's science faculty was looking for a way to encourage Christian high school science programs - and their teachers - as well as showcase the college and its science department. They hit upon the idea of holding a Science Bowl.

Modeled on academic bowl team competitions, four-member teams would answer questions from the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, earth science, astronomy and computer science in a round-robin, double-elimination tournament.

Invitations were sent to Christian high schools throughout the Southeast, and teams from nine schools attended.

Students and their sponsors arrived on campus on Friday. Everyone attended a banquet which included a talk by Dr. Kurt Wise, director of Bryan's Origins Research program. College faculty members met with advisors to exchange ideas about science teaching in high schools and to present information about Bryan's science program.

Competition began about 9 a.m. and the championship round concluded about 5 p.m. Saturday.

A team from Lakeside Christian Academy in Clearwater, Fla., scored a come-from-behind victory in the event over Curtis Baptist School from Augusta, Ga., which had entered the championship round without a loss.

Members of the winning team were presented individual plaques and were



Members of the science bowl team from Lakeside Christian Academy in Clearwater, Fla., accept the first-place plaque from Provost Dr. William Brown following their victory on Nov. 9.

From left are Dr. Brown, advisors W.T. Dempsey, Kathy Dempsey and team members Angela Cowell, Jason Evangelista, Johanna Carlson and Dale Fincher.

offered \$1,000 scholarships to attend the college. The winning and second-place schools were presented plaques.

Dr. Robert Simpson, chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences, explained that the college did not have all the material needed - a timer, a control box for contestants' responses and prepared questions particularly - but was able to borrow the items from Tennessee Technological University.

In addition, he said putting on the

Science Bowl required assistance from many faculty and staff members as well as students throughout the day.

Dr. Simpson said the participants appeared to enjoy themselves, and their advisors were enthusiastic because it gave them an opportunity to compare their programs with what other high schools are doing and with what at least one college requires of its students.

In addition to the students enjoying themselves, Dr. Simpson added that the

teachers seemed to learn something as well. "A lot of the teachers left saying they're going to have to do more in the classroom after seeing what similar schools are doing."

Provost Dr. William Brown said the Science Bowl is an excellent way to bring students to the campus and let them see what is available without the full-blown "sales pitch" of a formal prospective student visit.

Farney earns U.S. honors for geography education

Rick Farney, '76, a geography teacher at Rhea County High School, was one of 32 teachers from 15 states who spent three weeks in Atlanta this past summer learning high-tech methods for teaching geography in the classroom.

He also received one of 25 Distinguished Teaching Achievement awards presented by the National Council for Geographic Education.

Rick participated in the first Educational Technology Leadership Institute, jointly sponsored by IBM and the National Geographic Society, which included a review of basic hardware and geography education software applications. In addition, participants were introduced to many of the newest classroom technologies such as laser videodiscs and telecommunications.

"This institute is about a revolution in education. It is about innovative uses of technology that enhance teaching and learning. This revolution will be driven by resourceful leaders in education, including the graduates of the first Educational Technology Leadership Institute," said James Dezell, vice president and general manager of IBM Educational Systems.

Rick said he became involved with the statewide geography alliance program when it began in Tennessee about the time he began teaching at Rhea County High School. He took courses the alliance offered for two summers, then began teaching in their institute. In addition, he became active in the leadership of the alliance, serving as editor of the newsletter and participating in a number of statewide curriculum conferences.

He was nominated for the National Geographic/IBM summer program by Dr. Sid Jumper, head of the geography department at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

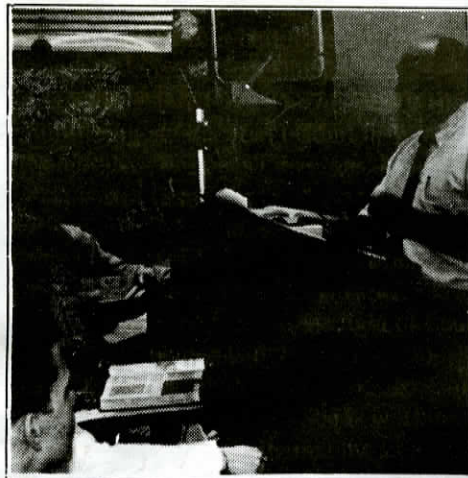
In announcing the honor, Gilbert M. Grosvenor, president and chairman of the National Geographic Society, said teachers were selected "because of their leadership skills, their ability to give effective presentations and their familiarity with computers."

In addition to winning a place in the institute, Rick was named winner of one of 25 Distinguished Teaching Achievement Awards for 1991, presented by the

TV crew visits campus

Bryan had several moments in the spotlight Nov. 25, when WTVN Channel 9 television from Chattanooga broadcast live portions of a feature story on Dayton and Rhea County from in front of Rudd Auditorium.

Reporter Carole Houser featured the relationship between William Jennings Bryan, the Scopes Trial, the college and the community during her report.



Rick Farney, '76

National Council for Geographic Education. Nominations were made by fellow teachers and winners were selected by a panel of judges. The awards program was open to teachers in the United States, Canada and Department of Defense schools abroad.

"I'm glad for the recognition for the county and the school," Rick said. "And the kids got a charge out of it. I appreciate it personally too."



Sixteen students have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, including, from left, front, Susi Simpson, Laura Coachman and Beth Simpson. Second row, Sheila Mayhood and Kayla Buchleiter. Third row, Jill Nicely, Sherri Jones and Susan Harrison. Back, Doug Mann, Jon Green and Marc Neddo. Not pictured are Jeff Louallen, Everett Bracken, Paul Neddo, Timothy Wehse and David Weissenburger.

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Basketball still important to former Lions standout

Shannon Law now playing on banking team

Textbook exercises have given way to real-world high finance, but Shannon Law still talks about millions of dollars like they were simply problems for a business class.

Not that Miss Law - who graduated from Bryan in 1988 with a degree in business with a business administration option - takes her job lightly, it's just that what is big money to most of us is an everyday matter in her line of work.

Shannon is a loan administration officer for The Bank of Nova Scotia in Atlanta, the person responsible for making sure her bank has all the information it needs to handle its share of multi-million dollar, multi-bank loans.

Marketing representatives of The Bank of Nova Scotia develop loans for the bank, usually involving multi-million dollar transactions in which several banks each provide a percentage of the loan. When the loan is signed, Miss Law is given the credit agreement, from which she extracts the information the bank needs to track its portion of the loan on its computer system. She passes that information along to the computer department, then follows up on the loan for the bank.

"I'M THE relationship officer to the coordinating bank," she explained. "I talk to the banks in New York or Los Angeles or wherever almost daily. If they tell me they need \$5 million today on a particular loan, it's my responsibility to make sure they get it."

She said Georgia has favorable tax laws for lending institutions, so a number of foreign banks have offices in that state. The main office of The Bank of Nova Scotia, which has offices worldwide, is in Toronto, Canada.

This fall, when she, her supervisor, Claude Ashby, and Representative (equivalent to vice president at a United States bank) Walter Jackson (Class of '82) visited one of Rick Hill's management and organizational behavior classes, Miss Law told the class that networking is very important during a job search. In fact, she found her job at the bank because her family and Mr. Ashby were friends and attended the same church.

"I interviewed before I graduated, and knew I had the job before I went on our senior trip," she said.

Although she works for a Christian boss and there are several believers in the bank, there was quite an adjustment to make when she left Bryan.

"I THINK the hardest part about leaving Bryan and going to work in the bank was the difference in perspective between Bryan faculty and students and the bank employees. At Bryan, faculty and students were supportive and encouraging, taking a personal interest in the welfare of



Two alumni and a friend of the college visited Rick Hill's management and organizational behavior classes in November. From left are Claude Ashby, senior agent for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Atlanta; Walter Jackson, '82, representative for the bank; Shannon Law, '88, loan administration officer for the bank; and Mr. Hill.

the students themselves.

At the bank, though, there were people from diverse backgrounds holding such varying ideals that it took a few adjustments on my part. This was to be expected, but I still found some aspects of dealing with people in the working world to be different than I imagined," she said.

"Also, I realized people are not too overt with their Christianity. I used to be very vocal; it was an adjustment not to be

overbearing but not to hide it under a bushel either." Although she had to make some cultural adjustments, Miss Law said the education she received at Bryan prepared her very well for the world of work.

"I felt Bryan prepared me very well to understand the on-the-job training I received, and to incorporate what I needed to do my job. I don't necessarily use what I learned in the classroom every day, but I

learned how to pick up new concepts."

ONE THING Shannon has not given up since leaving college is her love of basketball.

When she graduated, she held most of the school scoring records, and alumni still talk about her skills on the court. She said she took a break after graduation, but soon began playing again.

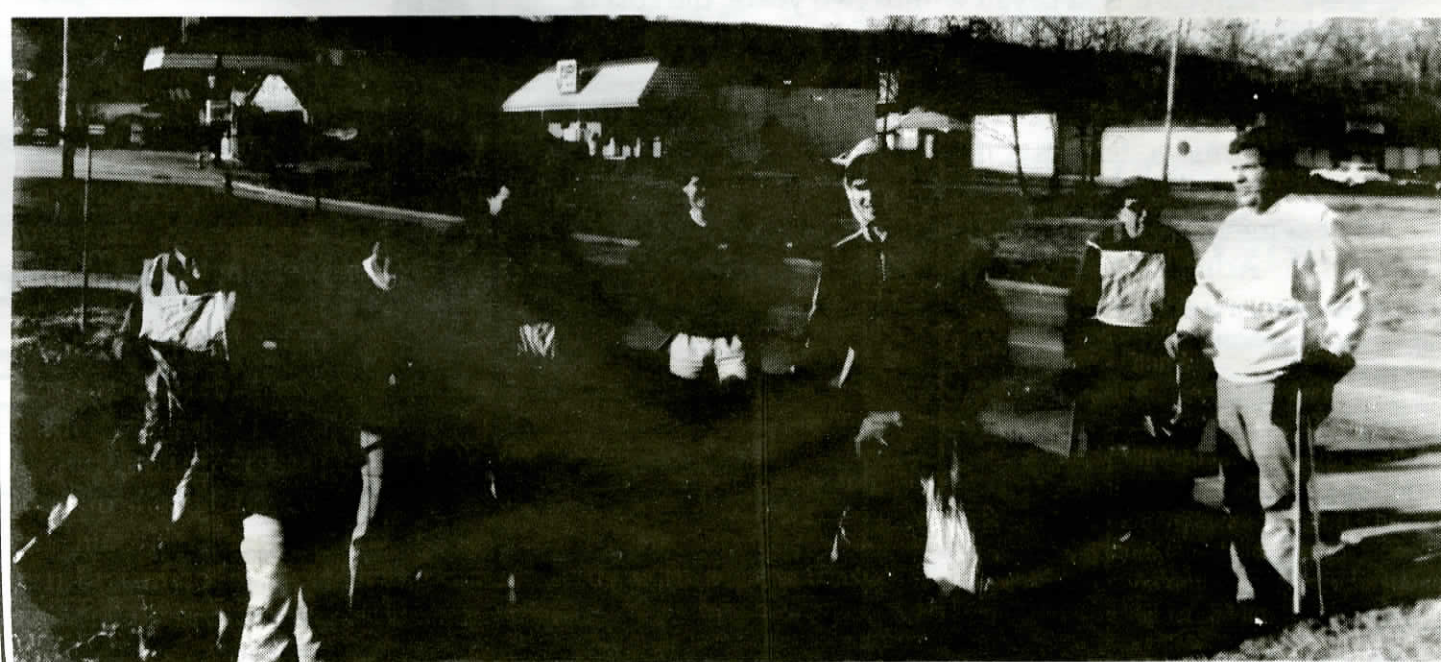
"I was basically burned out when I graduated; I didn't want to even see a basketball. But in the late fall, about the time practice began, I started to want to play again.

"I play in a pretty competitive women's league," she said. "I'm on a team that moves from league to league when a season ends, so we play almost year-round."

But banking and basketball aren't the only things which occupy Miss Law's time. She works with the youth at her church - Perimeter Church in Norcross - spends one night a week being discipled by a woman in that church and organizes women's small group Bible studies for her Sunday school class.

NEARLY FOUR years after she graduated, Bryan's faculty and staff still are very dear to Shannon's heart. "One thing which makes Bryan unique above all the other colleges or universities one could choose is the faculty and staff. Every time I go back it's like visiting long-time friends.

They are genuinely interested in what you are up to; they genuinely care - they still care."



A stretch of road in Dayton got something of a facelift Nov. 25, when alumni who are staff members at Bryan College picked up trash as part of the Adopt A Highway program. Alumni picked up everything from cans to bottles to paper and plastic along the U.S. 27 Bypass south of the Dayton Plaza Shopping Center. Taking part in the event were, from left, Stuart Meissner, Velma Meissner, Dawn Gardner, Jim Woychuk, Sharron Padgett, Danny Campbell, Dean Ropp, Paul "Pop" Ardelean and Paul Ardelean.

'The memory of the righteous will be a blessing.'

Proverbs 10:7

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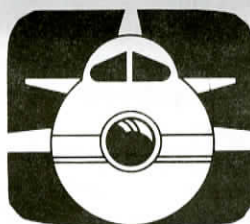
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English Department to host SE literature conference

The Bryan English Department will host the 14th annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference on Christianity and Literature April 9-11.

This regional association is part of a national interdisciplinary society dedicated to exploring the relationships between Christianity and literature. The program will include sessions of papers presented by faculty from about 15 institutions. More than 50 conference guests from some 30 colleges and universities are expected to attend.

Bryan alumna and former faculty

member Dr. Beatrice Batson ('44) will chair a session on John Bunyan, the subject of her most recent book.

Persons wishing to submit academic literary studies from a Christian perspective should contact Dr. Ruth Kantzer, program chairman. Papers should be eight to 10 pages long and must be received by Feb. 15, to be considered.

Questions about cost, schedule and accommodations should be directed to Dr. Richard Cornelius, who is in charge of arrangements.

Sidelines

Bowl game illustrates lesson: our faithful God won't give up

by Dr. Sandy Zensen

I did something unusual on New Year's Day - I had a bowl of Penn State football. It was delicious and sweet.

Penn State battled back from a 17-7 deficit late in the third quarter to overwhelm a highly talented but a bit cocky University of Tennessee team. The game ended Penn State 42, the Volunteers of Tennessee 17. I could survive very nicely on a diet like that.

I must admit, however, that at one point early in the game, when Tennessee was having things their way, I was tempted to turn the channel and find something less painful. I was close to writing Penn State off, but I stayed with it and witnessed a remarkable exhibition of determination, guts and a tenacious spirit that just wouldn't quit. In the end, defeat was avoided and victory achieved.

There's an obvious lesson here we all need to learn - and learn again as we go through the routine of living each day. It is simply: "Don't quit! Get up! Keep going! Press on!"

There is something more, though, more important and more valuable. It is knowing that God is faithful and loyal, whether you're making dramatic, impressive gains, or you've been knocked back for a loss. He will not leave you nor forsake you. He will not give up on you. His support remains constant, day in and day out.

Despite life's frequent ups and downs - and there are plenty - the bumps and bruises of daily trials, the personal mishaps and terrible mistakes, the discouragements and the many setbacks, the Lord has not and will not ever write you off, no matter what the score or the quarter.

To the contrary, He's promised to stay to the final whistle, until "the end of the age," until victory is fully and completely realized.

Sports update

Men's basketball

The Lions men's basketball program continues to play tough despite its 3-13 record to date.

Twelve of the first 16 games were with nationally ranked teams in the NAIA or NCCAA. The Lions' setback to Liberty University, which plays an NCAA Division I schedule, was particularly encouraging. The Lions found themselves down by only seven points with less than four minutes to play but risked raising the

score through pressure and fouls in an effort to win the contest.

Coach Morris Michalski continues to be encouraged by the obvious growth among the players, the class the team shows and the never-quit attitude evident each game.

Playoff hopes still remain as the Lions are 2-3 in their NAIA district, ranked the toughest one in the country. The last 16 games, all district contests, will tell the final story.

Women's sports report

The Lady Lions volleyball team finished with a 6-12 record in what must be considered a rebuilding year. Only one senior - Jerri Beck - will be lost to graduation, so Coach Camille Ratledge is optimistic about the future.

The basketball team is struggling in a difficult season, with a 1-10 record midway through January. The lone victory was over Tennessee Temple in Summers

Gymnasium when Bryan took a 25-point decision. Point guard Jerri Beck led the Lady Lions with 15 points.

Also contributing are Michele Phipps, Traci Dotterer and Tami Miller.

Coach Ratledge is optimistic about the team's prospects for the rest of the season and for the coming years as most of this year's team is expected back next year.

'91 Soccer Lions show growth

By Dr. Sandy Zensen

The 1991 Bryan College soccer team showed significant improvement in the quality of their play and their overall record.

In 1990, the team managed just four wins. This year's team, however, put together 11 wins and one tie, and earned a trip to both the NAIA District 24 playoffs and the NCCAA District 2 post-season tournament.

In District 24, the Lions lost in the quarterfinals to western division rival Christian Brothers University of Memphis. The NCCAA tournament saw Bryan defeat Palm Beach Atlantic 4-1 and then lose a close match to King College 1-0 in the semifinals.

The team was led in scoring by two freshmen. Paul Jarrett of Valrico, Fla., found the back of the net nine times, while Joey Johnson, another Floridian, followed with eight goals. Matt Bryan and Mike Pratt were selected to the NCCAA All-District 2 team.

Several key players, including keeper, four-year letterman and team captain Marc Neddo and his brother Paul; David Weisenberger, a talented mid-fielder/defender, and utility player Doug Mann will graduate in May.

The next few seasons should prove to be exciting, as a young Bryan team gains valuable experience and maturity. Another good recruiting year will put the 1992 soccer Lions in the hunt!

Alum Terry Hill writes book with football great Reggie White

Reggie White
Minister of Defense
With Terry Hill

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If you are a football fan like I am, you will enjoy Reggie White's story. I read it all in one day. Stu Meissner's son, a high school senior, read it straight through. After reading *Minister of Defense*, I began watching the Philadelphia Eagles just to see Reggie play.

Each of the book's four sections deal with a different facet of Reggie's life. Most of us fans devour the football section, but it is only part of the story. The

section on **Family** helps those of us who are not black understand more about black families and possible ministries to them.

The book reads smoothly and easily with short chapters which may appeal to some younger readers.

Terry Hill is a businessman and freelance writer of Christian books and articles, specializing in sports and related material. He and his wife, Dianne, and their four children, Laurie, Kellie, Kimmie and Terry II, reside in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Mr. Hill is a 1971 graduate of Bryan College and is a member of the boards of directors for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Middle Tennessee and the Nashville Youth for Christ.

Reviewed by Paul Ardelean

Sports Collectors

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Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
Bryan College
Dayton, TN 37321

For further information contact Dr. Sandy Zensen or Mr. Terry Balko at 615-775-2041.

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'There's a world of difference'

Prison Education Program making impa

Steel bars and barbed-wire-topped fences may close around them, but the confining atmosphere of a prison doesn't seem to limit the minds of a special group of Bryan College students.

Some 175 inmates at four Tennessee correctional facilities near Dayton were enrolled in classes this past fall in Bryan's prison education program, and the impact on their lives is something spectacular to behold, according to Raymond Legg, director of external programs.

Bryan isn't the only college offering courses for prison inmates, but the caring atmosphere which marks the Dayton campus seems to accompany faculty members to their classes behind bars each week "We're told over and over again by people in the program that we're making a

difference," Mr. Legg said. "And we're told by the administrative staff that they can see changes in inmates' lives with no reason to explain them except that they're in our program."

"The wardens at the correctional facilities are cooperative; they bend over backward to help us out. Our program being in place helps them achieve accreditation for their facility."

Classes are held at the Southeastern Tennessee State Regional Corrections Facility in Pikeville, the Morgan County Regional Corrections Facility in Petros, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary in Wartburg and the Chattanooga Community Services Center in Chattanooga. The college also offered classes at the Carter County prison near Elizabethton in upper

East Tennessee, but Mr. Legg said the distance from Dayton made that program impractical.

"We have requests regularly from prisons around the state for classes. But we just don't have the faculty, and the distances make it impractical," he said.

Inmate students may take some of the same classes offered students on the Bryan campus. "We have to make some adjustments," Mr. Legg said. "I don't water the courses down, but I grade on a different scale."

But meeting once a week for three hours at a time gives teachers a little more flexibility in some respects than they have in the regular three one-hour class meetings. For example, they can show feature-length films or use other audio-visual

Steel Booth

Time has taught me patience,
Life has shown me truth -
But after all things,
I'm just a man,
Trapped in a steel booth.

One thing certain will prevail,
Only time will really tell.
The light will always shine and
The darkness will always fall,
So continue my friend -
Give it your all and all!

Seek freedom from your booth
With every passing breath,
And no matter how insecure
You may feel, try always to
See what's real.

One day your steel booth will
No longer be,
So always struggle to be free!

Time has taught me patience,
Life has taught me truth -
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Trapped in a steel booth.

Doug Williams



Bryan Prof. Rick Hill helps students

material which might not lend itself to "regular" class situation.

Although they can't come to Dayton, inmate students must go through an application process like a traditional student. They must have a GED diploma or be a high school graduate, they have to fill out an application and must apply for financial aid. In fact, it is the federal grant and state student aid which covers nearly half the cost of the program. T

Students enthusiastic about classes, teachers

"It keeps you from being brain dead in here."

That phrase, or a variation on that theme, comes up again and again in talking with students in Bryan's prison education program at the Southeast Tennessee State Regional Correctional Facility at Pikeville.

Words like "challenging," "interesting," "rewarding" and "valuable" also enter conversations as the students try to explain what attending two or three classes a week two semesters a year means to them.

"Getting a college education keeps being here from being a waste of time. It gives us something to look forward to," one man said. Another added, "When I get out I can say, 'Prison was bad, but at least I didn't waste my time.'"

Some are a little more specific. William Thompson said he has been in the program since it began. "It has really changed my attitude since I've been incarcerated. I'm trying to put myself under as much responsibility as people on the street are. If you let it, it can help you believe in yourself."

Paul Brown said he had a goal of being an English teacher

when he was in high school. "I never had the opportunity to go to college until I came into the (prison) system. (The classes have) improved my writing skills, which was my main goal."

Bill Willett said the classes offer an "incentive to broaden your education. I like to write, and that's helped me."

Roger Bartholomy sees the college program as being a unifying force for students. "This has made a group out of all of us who go to school. We have much more in common (than with other inmates). We support one another."

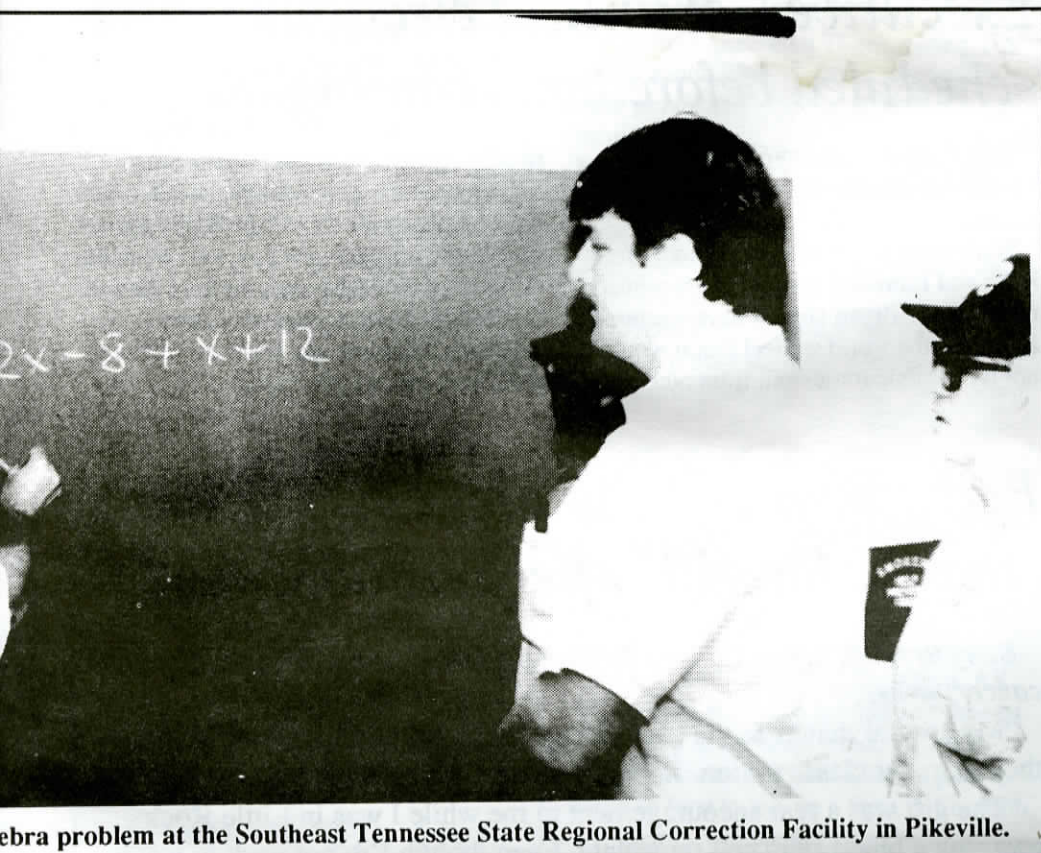
He said that while the students may have something other inmates don't, it doesn't cause divisions among the prisoners. "They just don't understand it, or they would be part of it," he said.

Although students may begin taking classes for a variety of reasons, they seem to agree that there is a common desire to gain knowledge and improve their lives. Several pointed out that statistics show parolees with college educations have a much lower recidivism rate than do those without. "If you have

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Debra problem at the Southeast Tennessee State Regional Correction Facility in Pikeville.

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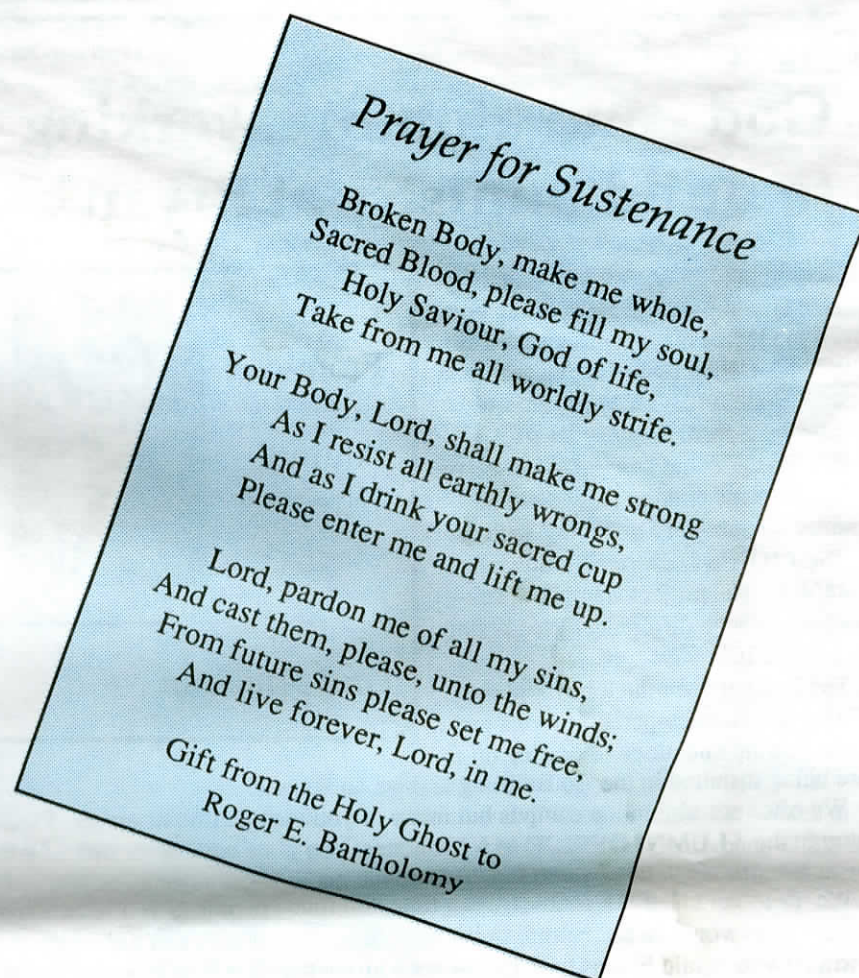
The similarity to traditional students doesn't end with the application process. Although the range may be greater in the prison classes, Mr. Legg said the intellectual capacity of the students varies like it does among students on campus. "We have those just out of GED training and those with Ph.D. potential. We have two students who could readily handle the rigors of a Ph.D.

program," he said.

Course offerings are more restricted than on the Dayton campus, but inmates may pursue associate of arts in liberal arts or associate of science in business administration degrees.

And even though the classes are taught in a state facility - with teachers required to complete "prison volunteer" training - courses in Old and New Testament are

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Roger E. Bartholomy and Doug Williams are students in the Southeast Tennessee Regional Correctional Facility at Pikeville

Teachers see real value in inmates' lives

Bryan's prison education program may be designed as a broadening experience for inmates, but it is proving an education for the teachers as well.

"It's an eye-opening experience," Debra Phillips, instructor of modern languages, said of her prison classes. "They helped me see more of what prison is all about. They helped me get more involved in prison ministry." She has become active as a prison pen pal, through the Tri-State Jail Ministry at the encouragement of men in her Spanish class.

LaDonna Olson, who taught freshman English in the fall, said her experience has changed her perception of the inmates. "I no longer see them as prisoners but as people. I sit beside them and work with them on papers like with my students on campus.

"But it is a little different having a 50-year-old man call me 'Mrs. Olson,'" she said.

Dr. Malcolm Fary said he has noticed several major differences between the prison students and those on campus. "First, in terms of academic preparation, there is a vast range of abilities, from minimal GED to those who are extremely intelligent.

"There is a difference in maturity. These are men who have had experiences in and out of prison which have given them different perspectives than the typical student."

Judging from conversations with about 70 students, "they are

very conservative in their views, both concerning law and politics. And many are very insecure. I think that's typical of older students - they lack confidence to claim they have mastered a subject, while the typical college student claims they understand something after only two or three weeks.

"And they appreciate far more what we're doing," he said.

His experience teaching prison classes has convinced him that his belief that "man primarily is a thinker and learner, whether saved or unsaved. Learning gives him a sense of significance and peace. It contributes to his image as a person."

Rick Hill, who teaches math, business and finance courses said one of the pleasant surprises has been the high quality of the students. But that, in turn makes it "difficult to look over the class and realize that these men are in for murder, rape, manslaughter."

For inmates with hopes of release, the personal finance class, particularly, has had an impact. "We've talked about a budget, and they have seen that on an income of only about \$60 per month they could save and have a nice little nest egg when they are released," he said.

One contrast between prison students and those on the

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Alumni News

Director's Corner

God - and alumni - working to build ministry at Bryan

Another calendar year has ended. We praise God for all that He is doing here at Bryan. More alumni participated in the 1-4-1 CHALLENGE this year than last. In spite of the recession alumni giving increased.

We cannot count how many times you prayed for the college but we see the results. Thank you for serving with us.

The LION'S DEN remodeling is complete. The project was 100% subscribed. What a difference! Please stop in and see it.

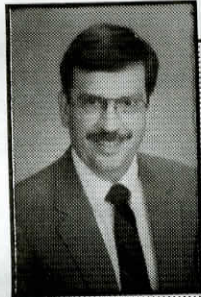
The hall between the lobby and the library has been carpeted. It looks great. New heating and air conditioning units are being installed in the Ad Building and we all benefit.

We often see alumni on campus but many of you visit that we never see. Please stop in the ALUMNI OFFICE so we can meet you if we have never met. If you stop by at lunchtime I'll take you to lunch! Help me get to know as many of you as I can.

We try to get ON THE ROAD when time and funds permit. If you have a group of alumni who would like someone from the college to visit with you please let us know. If you would like us to help you get a group together in your area even though no one from our staff is there we would be happy to assist with mailings, printing, etc.

Soon we will ask some of you to complete a SHORT SURVEY which will help us know what we are doing right and what we need to do better. Please take the few minutes required to complete the survey so that we can have the highest percentage possible.

From
the
Alumni
Director



Paul Ardelean

Executive Committee elections scheduled before homecoming

The election of Alumni Executive Committee members will take place this summer before Homecoming.

Some have asked why only alumni from Rhea and Hamilton counties were nominated. Since Bryan alumni have scattered all across the world we feel that it would not be possible for alumni from other than

nearby counties to attend the meetings.

The committee on elections, headed by Dr. Mayme Bedford, will be happy to accept any nominations you wish to make. As usual, we will be electing the following: president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer and three members of the Committee on Elections.

Betty Brynoff tells Class of '81 'thanks for gift' after reunion

Betty Brynoff, Bryan College English professor under treatment for cancer, writes:

"My special thanks to the class of '81 for the gift they sent to me after their summer class reunion. Lots of fond memories belong to that class.

"The gift was a real encouragement to me while I was in Little Rock awaiting a blood stem cell transplant. Even though I'm not back to teaching yet, I'm fortunate that the recuperation process has not suffered any major setbacks.

"Thanks for your prayers."

10-year reunions set July 24-26

July 24-26 are the dates for the 10-year reunions for the Classes of '82, '72, '62 and '52.

We are planning a full weekend again and encourage you to mark your calendar and be with us.

One member of the class of '81 wrote

before her reunion last year that she could hardly wait to attend. Afterwards she wrote that she is already looking forward to her 15th. Almost everyone testified that they were glad they came.

Look for the brochure which will arrive soon in your mailbox!

Lion Tracks

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Reunions
Class of '37 - Fall
'92 (55 year)

EDGERTON REID, '37, continues his lifelong ministry to the Jewish people through the Ohio Messianic Testimony in Cincinnati, OH, which was founded by his father. Edgerton specializes in making personal contacts for conversations with Jewish people to share the news that Jesus Christ is their Messiah. He noted that the name of his wife, Sophia Hege Reid, who died recently, has been registered with other courageous immigrants, to be placed on the American Wall of Honor at Ellis Island.

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Reunions
Class of '42 - May
'92 (50 year)
Class of '47 - Oct.
'92 (45 year)

HAZEL (WALLER), '43, and Orville CARLSON are living in Maesai, Thailand, which is on the Burma border. Hazel has been preparing existing manuscripts for printing. Orville continues new translation, and recently finished Genesis and started Exodus, as they serve with Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

NELL PEARSON, '49, arrived in Europe 40 years ago last September and

Review your health care options

A federal law which took effect in December 1991, the Patient Self-Determination Act, requires hospitals and other health care-providing agencies to inform patients of their rights to agree to or refuse life-sustaining health care measures.

Many attorneys are recommending that individuals make a Living Will and/or Durable Power of Attorney part of their estate plan to help keep control of costs during incapacity.

If you would like information about this topic, contact Bryan's Estate Planning Department and request the booklet *A Guide to Living Wills - and Other Important Health Care and Financial Decisions*.

Please send me a copy of your booklet, *A Guide to Living Wills*
Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

rejoices in the Lord's faithfulness as she serves in Salzburg, Austria. Last summer she accompanied a small team that held morning meetings in a church and in the afternoons went out to playgrounds to gather children for a Bible story and songs. They also visited a refugee settlement, where Nell met several ladies she plans to visit again. Since World War II Austria has had open doors to refugees; last year about 120,000 from 45 countries.

PAUL, '50, and ELAINE (KENNARD), '47, SYERS make their furlough home in Springfield, IL, headquarters of the Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission. Elaine had cataract surgery. Paul finds new glasses are solving his vision problems.

JEAN PULKIN, '49, is making her home in Black Mountain, NC, where she is using her nursing skills at an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center. She also teaches an adult Sunday school class.

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Reunions

Class of '52 - July '92 (40 year)

Class of '57 - Oct. '92 (35 year)

earlier the same week. This fall Morris had three surgeries.

RON, '52, and GLADYS (JENNEWEIN), '50, MEZNAR are grateful for Gladys' return to Brazil after a nine-week absence for medical treatment. When she returned to Sao Paulo, thirty-five women planned a Thanksgiving Tea in her honor. They had organized a 72-hour prayer chain for her. Ron has been ministering at the SaoBernardo church and looking at candidates for his successor. They had a fall baptismal class of six. The seminary is adding two floors in their downtown building to accommodate the student body.

CHARLES, '51, and Mary KIRTLEY have been busy travelers from their home in Fredericksburg, IA. In May they visited Charles' daughter **MARY GONZALES, '76**, and her husband, Carlos, and their three children including newborn Jason. In June they traveled to Charleston, WV for the ABC Biennial Convention. They also had a work trip to Anchorage, AK. Daughter **MARTHA, '78, NICHOLS** with her husband Dan and their three children visited them from Cordova, AK, so Grandpa Kirtley could meet his newest "northern" grandson, Joshua, who was then 18 months old. The Kirtleys plan to retire in June to live on a farm in Corydon, IA. Charles will change from being a pastor to doing interim work and adding more mission trips. He has a trip scheduled to go to Thailand for two weeks this year to train pastors.

IONA (COSTLEY), '52, and JIM HARRIS, '56, are still living in Mansfield, OH, and attend Hanley Road Baptist Church. Jim leads the music and service on Sunday mornings and sometimes teaches a Bible study in the evening. He is

moderator of their local group of churches and the music director. He retired completely from driving the city bus in May when he had a light heart attack; fortunately there was no damage to his heart. Iona hopes to teach school for at least one more year.

TOM, '54, and RUTH (SUTTON), '51, TAYLOR, residents of Dublin, PA, traveled to Chile a year ago in December/January for the field conference of the Gospel Mission of South America. In June/July they went to Brazil for the summer conference of the Brazil Gospel Fellowship, where **ED, '49, and JANE (SUTTON), '48, LIEB** have served for 40 years. Back in the states they made a round of Bible camps and in the fall they shared in three conferences in Canada. They are glad to have Ruth's niece **LUCY LIEB, '76**, living with them while she is working on a master's degree in library science at Drexel.

Roger and **NAOMI (HILDEBRAND), '55, WALKWITZ** have settled in Morriston, FL, to be near their son who trains pilots. After spending 20 years in the Philippines to establish the Bibak Bible Institute and a year in Israel to study their culture and visit the important tourist areas, they are now seeking the Lord's direction for a new ministry, thinking of an emphasis that will include ministry to Jewish people.

JOY (LESLIE), '56, BOSTROM and her husband, Bob, live in Brooksville, FL, where Bob teaches at Hernando Christian Academy. Joy raises Arabian horses and rides in competition. Joy has many other interests. In November she spent two weeks in San Fernando, Mexico, participating in a short-term Medical Group Missions project. Joy was

part of a team which included dentists, physicians, surgeons, pharmacists, nurses and other medically related personnel as well as a number of general support participants. Joy's part was unpacking and organizing about 50 boxes of medical supplies, washing and sterilizing surgical instruments, helping patients before and after their operations, starting IV's, etc. The city of 100,000 has a 50-bed hospital with no hot water, heart or blood pressure monitors, no garbage bags or paper towels. In spite of this lack, a total of 2,994 patients were treated. One hundred and twenty-five surgeries were performed and 430 dental patients were treated. Participants in this project paid all their own expenses.

JAMES, '56, and ADRIENNE (KERR), '56, REESE minister to more than 600 believers in the Benton Street Baptist Church in Kitchener, Ontario, assisted by two couples. Christian Horizons, founded by Jim, now ministers to over 500 developmentally handicapped people in 61 group homes and 24 other related programs. They have a 24 acre property in Michigan and a staff of over 900.

PEARL RATHBUN, '56, had a six-month home assignment from Seoul, Korea, beginning last April. In July she shared with 700 other TEAM members at the TEAM Centennial Conference at Bryan College. A delegation of eight Koreans attended the conference and shared their testimony in word and song. Pearl had several trips scheduled for northern states and Canada and to Aruba to observe TEAM's Radio Victoria. She was scheduled to return to Korea in November.

FRANK RUSSELL, '57, retired from the vice presidency of Oak Hills Bible Institute last June but continues teaching. He has filled the pulpit of a small rural church

Alumni support Bryan's recruiting efforts

This past October, Bryan College alumni received a letter from the Admissions Department promoting the annual **Alumni Recruitment Project**. This project encourages alumni to refer the names of young people in their area who they think should consider Bryan for their college education. More than 250 names have been received so far, which is double the usual response. The College is thrilled to see this type of response, and the Admissions Department has responded to all the students referred and admissions counsellors are maintaining personal follow up with them. Alumni participating included:

Charles E. Bane	'76	Susan (Danner) Estes	'72	Linda Meznar	'82	Beverly Stewart	'78
Sandy Bayly	'82	Frances Ford	'74	Kathy (Pierce) Moore	'82	Phyllis Stone	'69
JoAnn Beetem	'78	Pat (Talmage) Giesting	'69	Joanne Morscheek	'63	Susan (Patchen) Strait	'79
Anita Betsch	'81	Becky Graves	'87	Jeff and Angela (Howell) Nyberg	'84	Bryon J. Talbot	'90
Dottie Bigham	'81	Wes and Brenda Hall	'78/'75	Robert A. Peterson, Jr.	'78	Frances H. Tallent	'53
Lynda Blake	'72	Caryn J. Harris	90	Maureen (Hay) Read	'58	Bill Taylor	'83
Doug Bowman	'89	Jim and Iona Harris	'52/'56	Anita Reuter	'90	Dorothy "Dotty" Tilly	'68
Clair and Martha Brickel	'46/'49	Rolfe Henry	'83	Eugene V. Rosenau	'44	Jon Troyer	'91
Jennifer (Jenkins) Brown	'74	W. Randall Hickman	'75	Pamela (Henry) Rowe	'81	Bob Tullberg	'84
Virginia Chatman	'73	Steve Hicks	'84	Karin (Crisler) Rudd	'81	Bonnie Wagler	'88
Roy J. Clark	'51	Bill Hilbrands	'83	Joan (Huff) Sanford	'83	Barry Walcott	'69
JoAnne Cochrane	'60	David Hobbs	'87	Lori Senofsky	'84	Mary (Groeneveld) Weaver	'69
Tim Combs	'90	Ken and Alice Hurley	'68/'69	Lana Simms	'91	Renae (Boldt) Weber	'89
Jeanie (Stevens) Cook	'67	James R. Johnson	'77	Thomas W. Smith, Jr.	'75	Timothy Wetherbee	'72
James M. Cooper	'59	Russell Kaufman	'65	Don Spaeth	'79	Ben S. White	'40
Beth Ann Corant	'81	Charles Kirtley	'51			Susan Williams	'80
Robert Daniel	'73	Michael Loftin	'68				
Jerry Day, Sr.	'60	Angela Lowe	'82				
Norma Dentler	'69	Judy Magnussen	'79				
Ruth (Rinehart) Dingus	'89	Marlene (Schaiper) Marsh	'65				
Cheryl Estabrook	'71	Chris McCready	'81				

The **Alumni Recruitment Project** occurs once each year. If you have some names of prospective students, don't wait until next Fall to send them in. Just call our Admissions Hotline (1-800-277-WJBC) and we will take the information over the phone. Your interest is appreciated.

during most of 1991. Frank and Thelma are enjoying having their children close enough to enjoy their seven grandchildren.

JACK, '58, and Norma CANADY have been living in Oregon, where Jack works with Rev. Walter Duff in preparation to resume more administrative responsibility for Village Missions. The Canadys' son, Mark, wrote of a serious fall that his father had in late September when a ladder collapsed and Jack was injured. A series of "miracles"—the availability of a trauma team in a small-town hospital and the eight units of the right type of blood—were provided to spare Jack's life when he was taken to the hospital and many prayed for his recovery.

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Reunions

Class of '62 - July '92 (30 year)

Class of '67 - Oct. '92 (25 year)

DALE, '60, and LOREY, '62, COM-STOCK had a quick trip to Guatemala in November to attend the wedding of their "Guatemalan daughter." She is director of a Kid's Company (and handles the Comstocks' bookings in Guatemala and Central America) and her husband is a Christian concert pianist. The Comstocks planned to return to Guatemala in January for six weeks to take more teaching materials for national childrens' workers, who are ministering to 40,000 children weekly through national teachers. They took \$1,000 worth of medicine to a Christian school for distribution. During 1991 they conducted nine VBSs in four states, shared in two family conferences (one of which was at Bryan College), reached 852 children who made 38 first-time decisions. In Niles, MI, they shared puppet shows at the Apple Festival.

REBEKAH (BOLLMAN), '63, MARCY and her husband, Paul, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 6. Paul is still working at Wheaton College where Becky earned her M.A. from Wheaton Graduate School in 1987 and their son, Tim, earned his B.A. from Wheaton in 1990. Tim is working on an M.A. at Virginia Tech. David is getting special help from a music therapist, and Becky is developing a ministry to the families of the learning disabled.

RON, '64, and DIANE (PECK), x'64, MORREN serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators at the Dallas Center. In May Ron conducted a two-week workshop in Puerto Rico for Christians who want to be involved in cross-cultural missions. He went to Saint Lucia to visit two Bible translation teams and review their yearly work plans. In June Ron and Diane attended an international literacy seminar

with Wycliffe members from all over the world. In July they led a team of six university students to Guatemala to give them exposure to the mission field. Together they built a house for a Mayan widow and her family. Back in Dallas Ron is teaching one course for Wycliffe members in training. Diane is teaching English as a second language in Duncanville Public Schools.

DAVID, '65, and ANN, '65, LIND report from Fortaleza, Brazil, where they are serving at the Fortaleza Academy in the last year of their fifth term. They have 61 students this year with twelve seniors, one of whom is their own son, Andrew. Because of being short-staffed this year Ann is teaching junior high Life Science along with her regular 7th-10th grade English classes and David is teaching chemistry.



DON, '69, and SHIRLEY (FLEM-ING), '69, EMERSON with their four children--Derek, 18; Carma, 16; Deleena, 14; and Jared, 12, live in Perry, MI, where Don works in TTS and asbestos abatement. The children go to Grove Christian School where Shirley is teaching part-time

and the whole family works in a store owned by Don's boss. Don and Shirley are considering ministering again in Dominica, West Indies.

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Reunions

Class of '72 - July '92 (20 year)

Class of '77 - Oct. '92 (15 year)

MIRIAM GEBB, x'71, and her partner, Janet Jenkins, are community development nurses in Ecuador from their base in Quito as a part of the HCJB Health care ministry. They have worked together for 15 months to train indigenous health promoters to prevent diseases and treat basic illnesses. They are teaching 60 health promoters in 26 communities representing three Indian groups: Achuar, Waorani (formerly called Aucas), and Quichua. Each week-long course includes daily spiritual health instruction and blending Biblical teaching with medical concepts. Miriam is the "people person"; Janet is the organizer--a combination which uses the complimentary gifts God has given to them.

TED MEBERG, '71, and his wife, Beverly, announce the birth of their third child, Anissa Austen, on August 7 in Orlando, FL. Anissa joins two sisters, Kirsten, 5, and Sonja, 2.

BRUCE PAULEY, '73, and his wife, Naomi, began to homeschool their children last January. They registered in Lansing and are a certified non-public



Kirsten, Sonja and Anissa Meberg

school in Michigan. Bruce is the principal of the school and Naomi is the main teacher with Bruce helping now and then. They have named their school the "S.R.P. Academy," since all the students in the school have the initials S.R.P. Bruce says that this has changed their life style. The second change in their lives came from their ministry with the church. They began making plans to build a church building in April, broke ground the first Sunday in July, and were able to hold their first service in the new building on November 10. Plans are to have a dedication service the second Sunday in January.

DAVID, '73, and KAREN (BRODSKY), '73, WOLFE have moved with their five children to Colorado Springs, CO, as staff members of International Students, Inc. They are living in one of the guest houses on Star Ranch, which was formerly Young Life's youth camp of over 50 acres on the side of Cheyenne Mountain. David is overseeing the ministries of about 40 staff. Karen

Coming to a telephone near YOU...

The 1992 Bryan College Phonathon begins soon...and we'll be trying to call you!

This year, 375 deserving Bryan students need financial assistance. We are able to provide scholarships and grants only because people like you make it possible.

During February, a student, a professor or an alumnus will be calling you to ask if you will help provide part of this urgently needed financial aid. I hope you will give him or her an opportunity to share what God is doing in their life.

Please prayerfully consider helping our students as they prepare to be servants of Christ by giving a Phonathon gift.



Thank you in advance,

Kenneth S. Hanna

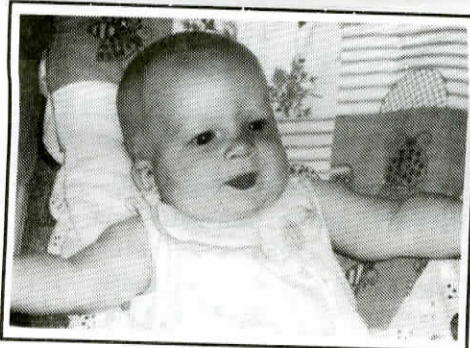
President

devotes most of her time to the family and does some volunteer work at the headquarters office. Their children are Michael (9th grade), Kerstin (8th), Krista (6th), Joshua (4th) and Heidi (2nd).

DOW BARTON, '74, CLU, is a field director for Northwestern Mutual Life. He and his wife, Hilda, reside in Greenville, SC, with their four children; Andrew, 10; Kate, 9; Jerry, 4; and Anna, 3.

JANICE (DECKER), '74, BISHOP is still living at Gracefield Court in Winston-Salem, NC, with her three sons. **Paul Sr., '72**, is still in the nursing home in Burnsville, NC, and is basically the same--very little responsiveness, physically frail, but stable. Janice requests prayer for the many issues she faces in the light of Paul's condition--being a single parent, emotional, physical and financial needs. Janice is not teaching this year. She is working as opportunity arises. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom and provide the right opportunities for work.

KEITH, '75, and FRANKIE (DILLINGER), x'77, PATMAN and their two children returned to Cameroon on July 23. On the 29th they made their first trip to visit their Gunu friends from their first term in Ombessa. They were directed to a house which has electricity, running water, and two bathrooms! They have two partners in their translation work--Phyllis who began work in 1984 but was in U.S. for graduate studies and recently returned, and Janneke who arrived in 1990 to work with Phyllis.



RANDY, '76, and LINDA (BRYAN), x'79, BALLARD announce the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Nicole, on Jan. 27 in Hixson, TN. Cynthia joins two sisters, Serena, 6; Andrea, 3; and a brother, Jeremy, 9.

DON BLANTON, x'76, recently planned a surprise reunion in Atlanta for his wife, **CONNIE (PEACOCK), '76**, with former classmates--**DEBBIE (BOWMAN) MORRIS, x'76, CAROL (MCKEMY) TRAIL, '75, and DEBBIE (DOWDY) BROWN, x'76**. Connie and Don live in Covington, LA, with their two children--James Robert, 9; and Annah Kate, 7. They attend Trinity Evangelical Free Church where they both sing in the choir. Don teaches Sunday School and Connie coordinates the women's ministries. Don has captured "Salesman of the Year" for five years. Howard and Debbie Brown live in Andrews, NC, with their two children--Christy, 10; and Brandon, 8. They attend Marble Springs Baptist Church where Howard is a deacon, Sunday school teacher and choir member and Debbie teaches training union. Debbie



From left, Debbie Dowdy Brown, Carol McKemy Trail, Debbie Bowman Morris and Connie Peacock Blanton.

works part-time with an appraisal service company. Howard is co-owner of C. R. Brown, Ent. which raises and processes salmon trout (one fish). Skip and Debbie Morris live in Marietta, GA, with their two sons--Matthew, 11; and Nathan, 8. Debbie is the director at Noonday Baptist Church Pre-school and Kindergarten where they also attend church and Debbie sings in the choir. Skip is a regional sales manager for the insurance line of business (southeast region) for Unisys. **MARK, '75, and Carol Trail** live in LaGrange, GA, with their three children--Nathan, 12; Jennifer, 8; and Marcus, 5. Carol homeschools Marcus and teaches adult literacy at Georgia Tech. Mark is employed by the State of Georgia as area director of mental health. They attend First Baptist Church where they both teach Sunday school and sing in the choir. Mark also serves as a deacon.

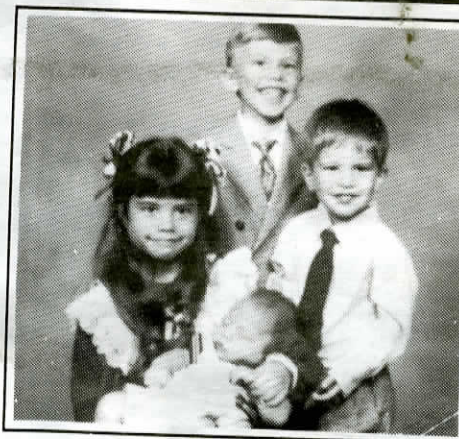
Ron and GLORIA (PRICE), '77, MURFF and their two children returned last summer to Africa but to Lesotho instead of Rwanda, where they spent their last term. Ron has been flying to the mountain areas to visit 10 clinics once a month and 3 outposts twice a month through the service of Missionary Aviation pilots. Ron is asked to preach on Sundays, so he is practicing preaching as well as medicine. They are working with another missionary couple, the McMillians, and hope to improve on their language ability in Lesotho to carry on when the McMillians leave in March for furlough.

JEAN (HAWKINS), '78, EBEL and her husband, James, announce the birth of their third child, Andrew James, on December 10 in Kansas City, MO. Andrew joins Rachel, 6, and Ruth, 3.

David and **JAN (WIGGERS), '79, BOTHWELL** are grateful that a new contract with the Indonesian government was signed on June 6. Dave is flying the single-engine Helio again. He can again go into the remote village airstrips. Jan supervised the sewing of new curtains for the office area and brightened up the place with macrame plant hangers. The Bothwells are grateful for an Indonesian aviation secretary who knows English and can type and use the computer.

MARK COMBS, '79, and his wife, Chris, announce the birth of their fourth child, Andrew Paul, on June 10 in Dayton, OH. Andrew joins sister Anna, 6, and brothers, Luke, 4, and Caleb, 2.

Steve and **RUTH (VANDER MOLEN), x'79, PORTER** continue their ministry in Nigeria where Steve operates a



The Combs children

He is discipling four young men on weekends who are also taking university training. The Porters minister in their community by helping a pastor who needed rest, providing grains for widows at the local church and planning a Christmas project to help the needy. Steve's dental practice is helping a lady who has started a ministry to the nomadic herds-men of the area.

80 Reunions Class of '82 - July '92 (10 year) Class of '87 - Oct. '92 (5 year)

ERIC CLARKE, '80, and his wife, Leslie, announce the birth of a son, Eric Anders, on July 2 in Chattanooga, TN. Eric joins a sister, Allison.



SUSAN (SMITH), '80, HARRIS and her husband, David, live in Charlotte, NC, where Susan stays busy being mommy and wife, working part-time at a bank, serving her Avon customers and providing homemade sourdough rolls for a growing clientele. David continues to work at CCAIR (The USAIR commuter based in Charlotte). In September several employees were laid off and David was moved from the inspection department to line maintenance which meant an extreme cut in income as well as shift work. They are thankful that David still has a job. The Harrises have two children--Matthew, almost 5, and Christopher, 1.

Nathan and **ANITA (JAGGERS), '80, STRAND** had a busy summer camping season in their affiliation with Inner City Impact in Chicago. In July the 3rd-5th grade boys had a backpacking trip. In August 96 campers from all three centers attended summer camp in Michigan; all of

them heard the gospel message, and 12 of them made decisions to accept Christ. Altogether, 294 campers participated in 17 different camping trips from mid-June through the end of August. September included a fishing trip for 2nd-3rd graders from Humboldt Park Center and Family Retreat for about 10 families. Anita began homeschooling Ryan, 5, and "honorary student" Eric, 3, at the end of August.

Peggy Woodward, '80, is ministering in music through Mended Heart Ministries from her home area in Greenville, SC. She has given concerts in South and North Carolina, composes music and seeks to encourage those who have special needs by "mending hearts."

DOUG, x'81, and DIANE (SPRINGER), '83, FOSTER announce the birth of their fourth child, Kacy Michele, on Dec. 27 in Fairgrove, MI. Kacy joins three brothers--Brandon, 8; Andrew, 5; and Adam, 2.

TIM, x'82, and BETH (HELLAMS), '83, EICH announce the birth of a son, Timothy Mason, on Sept. 24 in Columbia, SC. Timothy joins sisters, Rebecca, 3, and Caroline, 2.

WALT, '82, and JANE (YOUNG), '85, JACKSON announce the birth of their second daughter, Avery June, on Oct. 3 in Stone Mtn., GA. Avery joins a sister, Taylor Anne, who is 2 1/2.

MARC MEZNAR, '82, and ANITA BETSCH '81 were married Jan. 11 at Anita's home church in Huntsville, AL, with Marc's father, **RONALD MEZNAR, '52**, officiating.

TERRY, '82, and PAULA (CHAPPELL), '83, PUCKETT announce the birth of their third child, Kaitlyn Tara, on Nov. 30 in Kenner, LA. The Pucketts moved to Kenner in June when Terry started a Master's degree in Health Systems Management at Tulane University in New Orleans. They plan to be in Kenner until late summer, then move to Pensacola, FL, where Terry will complete his residency in Aerospace Medicine. They have three children--Laura, 3; Dustin, 20 months; and the new baby.

JANET (YOUNGER) '82 SODEN and her husband, John, announce the birth of their second daughter, Anna Katherine, on Sept. 20 in Cortez, CO. Anna joins a sister, Sarah, who is 4. John is pastor of Arriola Bible Church.



VALERIA (BELL) '82 WILKINS and her husband, John, made it home to Virginia in time for Christmas in 1990 after being in California where John went through several surgeries for cancer. (The doctor is optimistic regarding the success of the surgeries.) John has had both radiation therapy and chemo this year and the outcome is in the hands of the Lord. Valeria is no longer teaching at Emmanuel

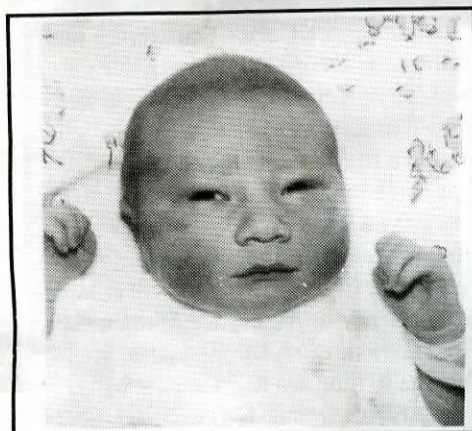
but has thirteen students which she teaches in her studio and she is taking voice lessons again.

STEVE, x'82, and GRACE (SCH-OETTLE), x'82, WISTHOFF and their two daughters, Katie, 7, and Tori, 2, live in Lisbon, ND, where Steve pastors a church and Grace takes care of the home and family. Grace also does some freelance writing and is thankful for the use of a computer which her father, **LEWIS SCHOETTLE, '58**, gave her.

CRAIG CHRISTENSEN, '83, and his wife, Lynn, announce the birth of their second child, Haley Nicole, on November 10 in Martinez, GA. Haley joins brother Hunter who is 2 1/2. Craig is senior marketing manager for Franchise Enterprise Inc. which operates 106 Hardee's restaurants. Craig handles the marketing of 57 Hardee's restaurants in Georgia.

MIKE, '83, and LINDA (LEAPLINE), '82, GORDON announce the birth of their third child, Benjamin Joel, on August 6 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Benjamin joins a brother, Michael, 8; and a sister, Kylene, 5.

ALEC, '83, and TAMMY, x'84, HARRISON have returned to their mission home in Brazil to continue their translation work among the Xavante people after a refreshing furlough with travels across the U.S. Alec is working on the translation of Exodus with some Xavante helpers. Tammy is teaching their daughters, Yvonne in the third grade, and Tasha in first grade, as well as trying to keep up with Andrew in his crawling



stage.

DEBI (BOWLES), '83, NEWMAN and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Kevin, on Oct. 16 in Allen, TX. Benjamin joins a sister, Rachel, who is 4.

PARKER, '83, and Janette THOMSON moved last summer to Fraser, CO, for Parker to take a position as a ski instructor from late November to late April at the Winter Park Ski Resort. There is also a ski school where Parker can get further training for higher levels of certification. They are excited to learn that the Baptist pastor there who has two churches and leads a mountain-top service has invited Parker to help him on the mountain and in the Fraser church. Their daughter Janna is enjoying second grade with 14 students; Parks enjoys the snow; and 2-year-old McRae keeps mother busy chasing her up and down the stairs.

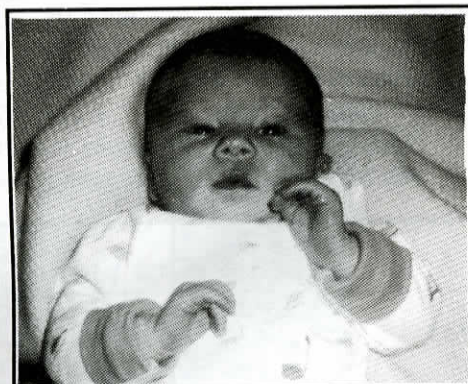
TOM '84 and LISA (KLINE), x'87,

ANGLEA announce the birth of a son, Matthew Thomas, on Nov. 4 in Columbus, OH. Matthew joins a sister, Sarah, who is 3 1/2.



DONNA (MEEKINS) CRAVEY, x'84, and her sons, David and Jake, are doing well. With only six months difference between her adopted son and her son by birth, and the loss of her husband before Jake was born, Donna would appreciate your continued prayers as she raises the boys alone.

E. JANE JONES, '85, and Mark Arnold were married on Nov. 2 in Houston, TX. **JANELL (JONES), x'84, NOBLE** was the matron of honor and **ROB, '78, and BETH (BOGGS), '78, JONES** also attended the wedding. Jane is teaching fifth grade at Houston Independent School Dist. and her husband is a data processing project leader for G.C. Services.



JULIE (LILLEY), '85, SHEPARD and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their first child, Chelsie Lynn, on Oct. 25 in Lapeer, MI.

ERNIE, '85, and PAULAKAY (FRANKS), '85, RICKETTS announce the birth of their son, Jakob McKenzie, on Nov. 13 in Chatt., TN. Jakob joins sister Emily Grace, who is 5.

CAROL (CUMMINGS), '86, GILES and her husband, David, announce the birth of their second child, Christian Alen, on Sept. 29 in Knoxville, TN. Christian joins a brother, Nicholas, who is 2.

ROBIN GREENE, '86, and Bill Stroud, Jr. exchanged their wedding vows on Dec. 14 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

DON PAUL, '86, and GINGER (GENTRY), '86, GROSS are now living in Knoxville, TN, where Don Paul is working with college students at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. Ginger is

substitute teaching. They are happy to be working with **DAMON, '90, and LEA (JOHNSON), '89, KELLY** who work with the Jr. High group. **KEVEN, '86, and ANNA (CULPEPPER), '86, WISHARD** live close by so it is like having a Bryan reunion every day.

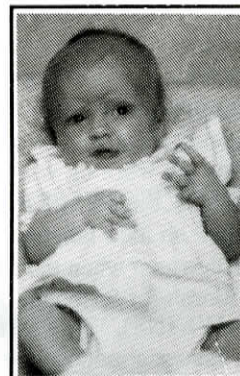
BRIAN KEAY, x'86, received his Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Counseling on June 1, from Talbot School of Theology in La Mirada, CA. Brian is now working as a marriage and family counselor in Los Angeles and his wife, **ANNE (GORDON), '87,** is teaching at a Christian junior high school.

BAJA RAY, x'86, was married to Ben Irvin of Wytheville, VA, in 1989 and is living in Roanoke, VA, where she is employed by the Roanoke City Schools. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, who is 2.

CRAIG CORNELIUS, '87, and his wife, Michele, have moved to Verona, WI, where Craig is pastoring the Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church. He is enjoying being a pastor and finds that it is a stretching process.

KELLY (GIVEN), '87, CROUCH and her husband, Scott, live in Lakeland, FL, where Kelly is working for Peace River Center for Mental Health. It is a non-profit organization. Kelly works in the Crisis Stabilization Unit. She does admission counseling, phone counseling and suicide intervention. Her husband works with computers, solving problems, and is training the employees on the system in his home office.

TAMMY SILL, '87, and Pete Halter exchanged wedding vows on December 14 in Evelyn Chapel at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL.



RAUL, '88, and TARA (BUCKLEN), '89, CRUZ announce the birth of a daughter, Lydia Catherine, on Nov. 7 in Greeley, CO. Raul is working as junior high director at Bethel Baptist Church. Tara enjoys being home with the baby.

JONATHAN GARRETT, '88, and his wife, Rozalia, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elisabeth on Nov. 6 in Winchester, KY.

BRIAN, '88, and DENISE (SAVAGE), '86, GERBERICH announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Brett, on Oct. 2 in Pleasant Valley, NY.

JEFF BAUMAN, '89, and DONNA MC DONALD, x'92, were married on Sept. 14 at First Baptist Church in Roswell, GA.

MARK HOFFER, '89, has moved to Sawyer, MI, and is working in the River Valley School System as the In-School Suspension Monitor. He is also working as



Andrew Gerberich



Sherry Cooney, '88, and Michael Rock were married June 29

a firefighter and is involved with the youth program at Sawyer Highlands Baptist Church.

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ANN (BARINOWSKI), x'90, BRYANT and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their first child, Tyler Kevin, on Dec. 12 in Anderson, SC. **TODD JUSTICE, '90,** and Patricia Gonzalez were united in marriage on Dec. 23 at First Baptist Church in Merritt Island, FL.

PATRICIA KINEY, '90, and JEFFREY FERRELL, '90, exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 30 at Northeast Park Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, FL. Jeff and Trish are back at Bryan where Jeff is working on teacher certification.

LATINA LIGHTBOURNE, '90 and BOBBIE BROOKS, JR., '90 exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 22 at Hill-Top Baptist Church in Riviera Beach, FL.

BYRON TALBOT '90 is serving a two-year term as youth minister in an English language church in Hafsfjord, Norway.

DEBORAH FIEBIG '91 and Michael Valdes were united in marriage on June 29 at Palm Bible Chapel in North Palm Beach, FL. They are living in Orlando, FL, where Michael is a senior at the University of Central Florida, and serves as an accountant for Mayflower Movers.

WITH THE LORD

Jack Jones, husband of **HELEN (GOW), '48,** was called to his heavenly



Bryan staff and alumni attending the Kiney-Ferrell wedding included, from left, front, Leanne Malloy, Rona Halcomb, Sarah Kiney and Melissa Jones Williamson. Back are Dr. Mel Wilhoit, Susan Wilhoit, Patrick Rudd, Kim Haynes, Trish Kiney Ferrell, Jeff Ferrell, Darin Greg and Steve Williamson

Coming Events

White Heart concert	Feb. 7
Valentine's Banquet	Feb. 14
Wayne Barber (Day of Prayer)	Feb. 18-19
Class elections	Feb. 24
Spring Break	March 7-17
Caravan	April 2-4
Conference on Christianity and Literature	April 9-11
Junior/Senior Banquet	April 10
ISO Retreat	April 17-18
Athletic Banquet	April 23
Honors assembly	May 1
Final exams	May 4-8
Commencement	May 9

Faculty notes

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He presented a paper on extension and helped organize a field trip. He also has spoken several times on the fossil record in churches in Washington State, British Columbia, Canada, and Georgia.

Dr. Kenneth Froemke attended the Outcomes Assessment Institute in Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 4. **Dr. Froemke** and **Dr. William E. Brown** also attended the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in New Orleans, La., Dec. 4-6.

Bryan College received \$1,500 from the Faculty Scholars Program at the University of Kentucky, in honor of **Mr. Steve Barnett**, who studied there as a recipient of a Pew Fellowship. The money is to be used for library resources in Natural Sciences.

Dr. William Ketchersid attended the East Tennessee Education meeting in Knoxville Oct. 25. He also attended the Southern Historical Association annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 13-15. He and **Mr. Raymond Legg** also attended the National Conference on Corrections

and Higher Education in Columbus, Ohio., Nov. 21-23.

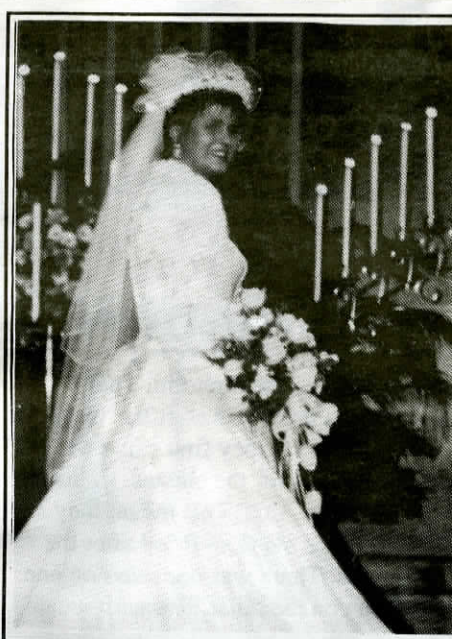
Dr. William E. Brown and **Dr. Gary Phillips** attended the Evangelical Theological Society meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 21-23.

Dr. Walter Emanuel spoke at First Baptist Church in Spring City, Tenn., Nov. 24. He also presented two papers at the annual meeting of the mid-South Educational Research Association meeting in Lexington, Ky., Nov. 14-15, on the National Teacher Exam and the GED.

Dr. Jack Traylor has published a bibliographic article in the fall 1991 edition of History Microcomputer Review.

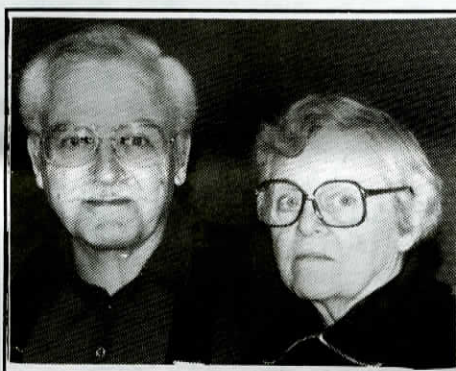
Dr. Sandy Zensen spoke at the Daisy Community Church in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., Nov. 24.

Mr. Tom Shaw, director of admissions, attended the Christian College Coalition Critical Concerns Conference for chief admissions officers Jan. 9-12 in Phoenix, Ariz. He led a discussion group on "getting the most from our advertising dollars."



Mrs. Michael Valdes

home on Dec. 12 as a result of pneumonia and heart problems. Helen and Jack made their home in Twentynine Palms, CA. Jack was a retired Gunnery Sergeant with 20 years of service including action in World War II and the Korean War. Helen is an instructional assistant at the Oasis Elementary School near her home.



Jeanette Quimby, wife of **John Quimby**, '45, went to her heavenly home on Nov. 6. His youngest daughter, Beth, was killed on Dec. 13 by a hit-and-run driver. John's new address is 5345 Hollywood Ave., Maple Heights, OH 44137.

Students

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a college education, you don't come back," is the way one man explained it.

That idea, that a college education can reduce recidivism, sparks almost fierce opposition to recent challenges by some politicians to using state or federal grant money to pay tuition for inmates.

"Having the Pell grant at this institution (to pay the students' tuition) is the only real rehabilitation we have. If they cut the Pell grant, we won't have any. If they cut education out, that leaves nothing. We have trivial jobs here, but no real-life job. And the pay is not enough to pay for an education," one said.

Students also appreciate the teachers and the efforts they make. "All the teachers make you desire to reach inside yourself for a degree of excellence, not for anybody else but for yourself," one said.

Roger Bartholomy added, "They're supportive, without holding themselves aloof from our position."

Another student said faculty members make them work for their grades. "They won't give you a grade for just showing up. I made a 'D' in statistics and had to take it over. I made an 'A,'" he said.

The one thing inmate-students said they would like to see changed about the program would be for there to be more of it.

One man, who has nearly completed his associates degree, said he is having trouble arranging for upper-level courses. The problem is that there is a certain amount of turnover among students that the lower-level courses are offered more frequently because there are more students for those classes, he said.

While they would like more classes, the uncertainty about funding seems to raise a fear that what they have might be lost.

As one said, "I would like to be secure in the knowledge that this is going to be permanent."

On the Road

Bryan's faculty and staff will be on the road during the coming months:

DR. HANNA is to speak:

- * March 29, Covington Christian Church, Covington, Ga.
- * April 24-25, CBMC retreat near Indianapolis, Ind.
- * April 25, Franklin Road Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

DR. MEL WILHOIT is to:

- * Present a lecture/demonstration on Ira Sankey and Gospel Music to the Music Department of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, La., Feb. 13.
- * Attend the national meeting of the Sonneck Society for American Music in Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 14-16.
- * Attend the Christian College Coalition meetings on Music in the Christian College Classroom in Indianapolis March 12-16.

DR. BRIAN RICHARDSON is to speak:

- * Feb. 13-16 to adult specialist at the Mountain Area Sunday School Convention in Denver, Colo.
- * March 18-21 at the Christian Workers Conference in Spokane, Wash., as the youth speaker.

Dr. Kurt Wise will speak in the Charlottesville, Va., area March 6-8.

Prison

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offered. "We teach it as literature," Mr. Legg said. "We can't proselytize, but we make no secret of our faith."

Sharing their faith as opportunity presents itself - and sharing themselves - gives the Bryan program an edge other programs can't match, Legg believes. "Bill Ketchersid and I attended a conference on corrections and education with representatives from a lot of big-name schools like Eastern Kentucky University, University of California at Berkeley, Purdue and Ball State. Over and over again, what I heard was a fear and reservation about getting too close to the students. Our teachers aren't like that. We love 'em and get close to them."

Wardens at the prisons seem to appreciate the program as well as the faculty, at least in part because of the impact on the students' lives.

Howard Carlton, warden at the Southeast Tennessee State Regional Correctional Facility in Pikeville, said, "There's a world of difference" between men in the college classes and those who aren't. "The men in the program stay out of discipline more; they are more reasonable in dealings with them; they are more productive," he said.

'We appreciate the program. The cooperation of the Bryan staff has been phenomenal.'

- Warden Howard Carlton

"We appreciate the program. The cooperation of the Bryan staff has been phenomenal. When they first came we didn't have space for the classes, so they met in the dining area. This meant they had to wait until the floor dried after the evening meal. There was one class on one side and one on the other. It wasn't ideal, but we receive exceptional cooperation, and we still do when we have had need for it."

Mr. Carlton said the inmates feel challenged by the course offerings, both intellectually and philosophically. "The quality of instruction is super," he said. "It's not like someone coming in because they're getting paid to do it. They are dedicated to doing a good job. They're challenging the men in class. They're making them think about philosophy, morals, values, things prisoners ordinarily wouldn't be thinking about."

He said the value of the college program goes far beyond simply giving the students something to do while incarcerated. "This gives them a lot of skills and abilities they didn't have. It makes a big difference on whether some of them will not come back to prison."

He objects to a recent effort in Tennessee to make prisoners ineligible for Pell grants which fund college studies. "A GED (high school equivalency diploma) doesn't do anything in the workforce," he said. "It is absolutely essential that we give them skills for when they get back on the street if we are to help them overcome the stigma of being a parolee."

He pointed out that most of the men in his facilities either have families or will have families to support, and they must have marketable skills to accomplish that. Without those skills, many would be lured back into the drug trade by its promise of

wealth, only to eventually wind up back in prison. "We have got to give them skills to keep them out," he said.

"People don't realize that every day inmates walk out of prison and have to support families. If we don't stop the cycle here, they will be back out on welfare, into crime and back in. This is important. It is more than giving them a carrot."

"The Bryan program is very broad. Most of the men are going through the business program, and it makes them more marketable. But there are other, general classes, such as Bible survey, psychology. It makes them think about a lot of different things. It makes them better, more rounded individuals."

It is that kind of success which makes Ray Legg believe Bryan has something more than just education to offer. The personal involvement of the faculty with the students, the impact on lives, provides a dimension other schools either can't or don't offer.

"I would like to see us develop further. I would like to see Bryan's program become the benchmark program, first in the State of Tennessee, and even broader. I would like to see us develop beyond the associate degree level," Legg said.

Teachers

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Bryan campus is preparation, Mr. Hill said. "It's neat to have a class which is prepared. They've all read the chapter and done their homework. It's a change."

Dr. Robert Simpson, who taught a prison class several years ago, echoed that sentiment: "They worked hard. They were the hardest-working class I have had in a long time."

The idea of teaching in prison was frightening initially, but the inmates soon put him at ease, he said. "The first night of class the men were sitting there in their prison garb, and I had just gone through the gate. They could sense I was uneasy. Right at the first, one raised his hand and

said, 'Relax. We're your friends.' I was never afraid after that."

"They saw we are there to help them, not just because we're getting paid. They can sense that, and it makes a difference," he said.

Dr. Simpson added that his experience changed his views about prisons and prisoners. "My conception of what prisons are like was totally wrong. I thought it was like what the B-grade movies from the '50s showed. I expected a rather dirty place, but I found it hospital-clean. I expected to find very rough-type characters, but I was surprised to find a good number of Christians among the inmates."

Dr. William Ketchersid has taught in the program since 1987 and served as director

of external education from 1988 through the spring of 1991. Curiosity - and the lure of extra income - got him started, but his motivation quickly changed.

"I have stayed with it because I have had an opportunity to work with inmates and see many of them make constructive changes in their lives, both academically and spiritually," he said. "The main thing is being involved in changes that can occur."

He recounted an experience with one inmate who entered the program with a very belligerent attitude when it came to spiritual matters. He was always polite when we were talking about the course, but when the topic turned to Christianity, he simply would reject anything of a

religious nature.

However, when Dr. Ketchersid and Mr. Legg went to the prison to register students for the winter semester the inmate asked to be excused early so he could attend Mass. Dr. Ketchersid said he questioned the man: "You don't believe that stuff, do you?" "Yes, I do," he responded.

Like the other faculty members, Dr. Ketchersid sees some differences and some similarities between his two groups of students. "The biggest difference is, in general, the students in prison, after about the first five weeks, tend to be more serious than the students on campus. It takes about five weeks for the people who only come out of curiosity to realize that this is going to involve a lot of work, and they leave. But the ones who stay tend to work harder in general than most students on campus in general."

Another difference is that he doesn't have nearly as much contact with his prison students as he does with those on campus. "That makes the time with them more valuable. I use the breaks to talk with them, to counsel and to listen to them."

He has found that, except for limitations caused by a lack of adequate library facilities, the prison students can do work comparable to that done by students on campus. This past semester, in fact, he said he taught the same way in prison and on campus and gave the same assignments and tests. "It looks as if the inmates held their own with the campus students," he said.

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